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(i) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 718 288 A1, published June 26, 1996 with corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,683,832, patented November 4, 1997.

(ii) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-664194, published June 20, 1997 with corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,927,721, patented May 22, 1990, and “Ionic Liquids Based on Imidazolium, Ammonium and Pyrrolidinium Salts of the Dicyanamide Anion” mentioned in the specification.

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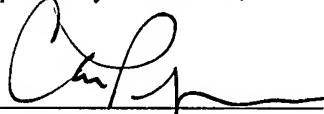
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